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- WO 00/67663 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the aboveidentified application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0171823 A1.
- EP 0 986 993 A1 discloses a mesh plug kit for the inguinal box surgical technique for hernioplasty. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 1 and further cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 4 and 6.
  - U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0212460 A1.

- DE 199 45 299 A1 discloses a plasma coating method and three dimensional coated substrate. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 7 and 8. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- U.S. Patent 6,174,320 B1.

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